

Table 4: Reduction in Available Weeks of Unemployment Insurance

Maximum Weeks of UI Benefits Available: October 2011 and October 2012									Oct 2011 to Oct 2012: % Change
	October 2011				October 2012				
State	Regular	EUC	EB	Total	Regular	EUC	EB	Total	
Alabama	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Alaska	26	47	0	73	26	37	0	63	-13.7%
Arizona	26	53	0	79	26	37	0	63	-20.3%
Arkansas	25	46	0	71	25	35.75	0	60.75	-14.4%
California	26	53	20	99	26	47	0	73	-26.3%
Colorado	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Connecticut	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Delaware	26	47	20	93	26	28	0	54	-41.9%
District of Columbia	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Florida	26	53	20	99	19	27.17	0	46.17	-53.4%
Georgia	26	53	20	99	19	34.58	0	53.58	-45.9%
Hawaii	26	47	0	73	26	28	0	54	-26.0%
Idaho	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Illinois	26	53	20	99	25	35.75	0	60.75	-38.6%
Indiana	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Iowa	26	47	0	73	26	14	0	40	-45.2%
Kansas	26	47	13	86	26	28	0	54	-37.2%
Kentucky	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Louisiana	26	47	0	73	26	37	0	63	-13.7%
Maine	26	47	13	86	26	37	0	63	-26.7%
Maryland	26	47	13	86	26	37	0	63	-26.7%
Massachusetts	26	47	13	86	26	28	0	54	-37.2%
Michigan	26	53	20	99	20	36.4	0	56.4	-43.0%
Minnesota	26	47	13	86	26	14	0	40	-53.5%
Mississippi	26	53	0	79	26	47	0	73	-7.6%
Missouri	20	41.6	16	77.6	20	28.6	0	48.6	-37.4%
Montana	26	47	0	73	26	28	0	54	-26.0%
Nebraska	26	34	0	60	26	14	0	40	-33.3%
Nevada	26	53	20	99	26	47	0	73	-26.3%
New Hampshire	26	34	0	60	26	14	0	40	-33.3%
New Jersey	26	53	20	99	26	47	0	73	-26.3%
New Mexico	26	47	13	86	26	28	0	54	-37.2%
New York	26	47	20	93	26	37	20	83	-10.8%
North Carolina	26	53	20	99	26	47	0	73	-26.3%
North Dakota	26	34	0	60	26	14	0	40	-33.3%
Ohio	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Oklahoma	26	34	0	60	26	14	0	40	-33.3%
Oregon	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Pennsylvania	26	47	13	86	26	37	0	63	-26.7%
Puerto Rico	26	53	0	79	26	47	0	73	-7.6%
Rhode Island	26	53	20	99	26	47	0	73	-26.3%
South Carolina	20	41.6	16	77.6	20	36.4	0	56.4	-27.3%
South Dakota	26	34	0	60	26	14	0	40	-33.3%
Tennessee	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
Texas	26	47	20	93	26	37	0	63	-32.3%
Utah	26	47	0	73	26	28	0	54	-26.0%
Vermont	26	34	0	60	26	14	0	40	-33.3%
Virgin Islands	26	53	0	79	26	47	0	73	-7.6%
Virginia	26	47	0	73	26	14	0	40	-45.2%
Washington	26	53	20	99	26	37	0	63	-36.4%
West Virginia	26	47	20	93	26	37	0	63	-32.3%
Wisconsin	26	47	13	86	26	37	0	63	-26.7%
Wyoming	26	34	0	60	26	14	0	40	-33.3%
National Average	25.8	47.8	11.6	85.2	25.4	32.5	0.4	58.3	-31.2%

NOTES: "October 2011" refers to the week beginning October 23, 2011. "October 2012" refers to the week beginning October 21, 2012. Three states—Arkansas, Missouri, and South Carolina—enacted state laws to reduce the maximum duration of regular unemployment benefits (i.e., to make regular benefits payable for fewer than 26 weeks) prior to October 2011. An additional four states—Florida, Georgia, Illinois, and Michigan—made similar reductions in regular benefit duration that were effective prior to October 2012. The "National Average" row at the bottom of the table is a unweighted average of the number of weeks available in each State.

SOURCE: Compiled by Congressional Research Service using U.S. Department Labor trigger notices for EUC08 and EB (available online at http://www.workforcesecurity.doleta.gov/unemploy/claims_arch.asp)